

## --- 1/2 Pound - Division "Open" - Red Warehousing Stamps - 63 x 47 mm. - 1869-1883 ---

[ Chris Ryan, "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 39, of May 2002 ]

"In September of 1869, the square BOX and CADDY excise stamps were supplemented by twelve new stamps in six denominations for consumption (black) and for warehousing (red). The denomination of these items represented the maximum weight of tobacco to which they could be affixed. Unlike other BABN tobacco stamps in use up to that time, the new denominated stamps were produced from steel plates (intaglio).

The *small* stamp was initially issued in denominations of one-quarter, one-half and one pound. In February of 1880 a one-tenth pound stamp was prepared for use only in the Windsor Division. The duty collected by these stamps was to be the full amount represented by their denomination, regardless of the actual weight of tobacco in the package.

In September 1874 the Revenue Department authorized the preparation of the first Division-specific stamps for manufactured tobacco. These stamps bear the printed name of the Revenue Division and signature of its Collector in the spaces previously left blank to be filled in by hand or rubberstamp. The first of these personalized stamps were prepared for use in Montreal and Toronto. It is surmised that similar stamps for other Divisions were subsequently introduced overtime as warranted by numbers used."

Chris Ryan reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter", No. 41, of March 2003, that all of the red warehousing stamps were discontinued as of July 1st 1883.

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The catalogue lists these recess printed one-half pound Division Open red warehousing stamps as follows:

**RM-34** - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove - 4 mm. blue controls

**RM-34a** - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper - **WANTED!**

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<b>1st BABN Contract</b> (1868-1873)	John McKay reports that 35,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of "1/2 lb., W. H. E. Red" were delivered. Prior to 1874 these would be Division Open.
<b>2nd BABN Contract</b> (1873-1878)	John McKay reports that 20,000 <i>recess printed</i> copies of "1/2 lb. Red Tobacco" were delivered. These were 50/50 for Montreal and Toronto.
<b>3rd BABN Contract</b> (1878- 886)	John McKay <i>does not</i> report the delivery of any "1/2 lb., Red Tobacco" as delivered under the 3rd BABN Contract.

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### --- The "theoretical" control number range on the red 1/2 pound Division Open warehousing stamp ---

<b>RM-34</b> - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove -	<b>00001</b> to <b>20000</b>
<b>RM-34a</b> - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper -	<b>20001</b> to <b>35000</b>

### --- The "actual" control number range, as recorded to date ---

<b>RM-34</b> - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove -	<b>001429</b> to <b>010744</b>
<b>RM-34a</b> - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>diagonally wmkd</i> vertically <u>laid</u> paper -	no numbered copies

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--- 1/2 Pound - Division Open - Red Warehousing stamps - 1869-70 ---

--- on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh thin wove at Montreal under the 1st BABN Contract - 63 x 47 mm. design ---

--- perforated 12 - with 4 mm. control numbers - scanned at 100% scale ---

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The Division Open copies of **RM-34** from Licensee # 29 originating in *Montreal* have all been over-written and scrawled and are difficult to read. In the past I have tried to guess at their dating, but it is probably better not to try. Since this was the initial use of the new stamps, it is possible that they were trying to include both the "Date Warehoused" and the date "When Excised".

Chris Ryan reports that *L. G. Fauteux* was Secondary Collector at Montreal from January 1st 1869 until June 30th 1870, so a best guess for the above scrawled date **18 7** may be March 1870.



★**RM-34** - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on *unwmkd* thin wove, control number **010744**, used at *Montreal* by Licensee # 29 - with unreadable manuscripts, initialed by *L. G. F.* for "L. G. Fauteux"

<b>001418</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001429</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001443</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001452</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001463</b> ★	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001489</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001491</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001587</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>001597</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002301</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002308</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002311</b> ★	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002312</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>002501</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>003001</b>	RM-34 CP	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove stamped <i>Cancelled</i> in violet ink
<b>005230</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005239</b> ★	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005241-46</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005273</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005279-84</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005284-85</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005291</b> ★	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005333</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>005353</b>	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove

<b>010706★</b>	03/71	RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove, used at <i>Montreal</i> , by Licensee # 29, dated 18 - 71
<b>010720</b>		RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>010722</b>		RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove
<b>010744★</b>		RM-34	1/2 pound, red, Division Open, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> thin wove

A probable printing of 20,000 copies on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove paper

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★**RM-34n** - 1/2 pound, red, Division Open - possibly a plate proof but more probably another of the perforation clipped TP copies. Lee Brandom lists a *plate proof*. Possibly it is the normal **RM-34** clipped to *imperforate*. It comes from the Morris collection, and no residual perforations can be seen on the copy.

The collection contains many clipped imperforate “TP” stamps (from the Morris collection) most of which under magnification shows signs of original perforation. I sincerely doubt that any philatelist would have mutilated the stamps in this manner. At the time it was illegal to possess tax-paid stamps in mint condition, and even used examples were by law to be broken on opening the package. I feel that BABN, as a favour to a philatelist, clipped the perforations prior to releasing the stamps.

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Lee Brandom lists the red 1/2 pound stamp printed on *diagonally wmkd* vertically laid paper, stamped *Cancelled*. The collection **does not contain** an example of this item - **WANTED!**

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